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OIL SPILL MEETINGS FOR COASTAL PARISHES PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY

(Baton Rouge, LA)---Attorney General Buddy Caldwell is pleased to report that the oil spill seminars for local governments conducted by the Legislative Auditor and the Attorney General for the coastal parishes is proceeding smoothly. The Legislative Auditor and the Attorney General have coordinated joint seminars regarding local governmental claims and contracts related to oil spill damages and remediation.

The seminars began on July 12 and will continue through July 22. To date, presentations have been conducted in Iberia, Terrebonne, Orleans, Jefferson, and St. Bernard parishes. Additional seminars will be given in Vermillion, St. Mary, Plaquemines, St. Tammany and Lafourche parishes. The presentations include, among other things, an overview of the oil pollution acts, both state and federal, the documentation process for making claims and a review of the Local Government Budget Act and the Public Bid Law. Local agencies will be provided internet accessible forms and instructions.

These meetings are open to the public.

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